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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **UTILITY APPLICATION AND FEE TRANSMITTAL §(1.53(b))**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450						
Sir:						
Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of						
Inventor(s) names and addresses:						
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM						
Enclosed Are:						
page(s) of specification page(s) of Abstract page(s) of claims sheets of Formal Informal drawings page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney Unsigned Newly Executed Copy from prior application Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2)						
☐ REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) (form PTO/SB/35)						

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As indicated on the attached Request and Certification, Applicant(s) certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application HAS NOT and WILL NOT be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. Applicant(s) therefore request(s) that the attached application NOT be published under 35 U.S.C. §122(b).

	Incorporation by Reference:				
	The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.				
	Deletion of Inventors (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d) and §1.33(b)				
	Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application serial no, filed				
	Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)				
	 page(s) of Sequence Listing computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same 				
\boxtimes	Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)				
	 				
П	Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)				
	Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 for: Application No(s). 2003-122939, filed April 25, 2003 in Japan (country)				
	Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) []				
	filed herewith filed in application Serial No, filed English translation document(s) [] filed herewith filed in application Serial No, filed				
	Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for: Provisional Application No, filed				
	Information Disclosure Statement				
	Copy of [] cited references PTO Form-1449 References cited in parent application Serial No. filed				
	References cited in parent application Serial No, filed				

	Related Case Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii)				
	A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) Serial No(s):, filed, respectively, is attached hereto.				
	A copy of related pending U.S. Application(s) entitled,, filed to inventor(s), respectively, is attached hereto.				
	A copy of each related application(s) was submitted in parent application serial no, filed				
	Preliminary Amendment				
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	This is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of prior application serial no, filed, to which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.				
	Cancel in this application original claims of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)				
	A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).				
	The status of the parent application is as follows:				
	A Petition for Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until				
	A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.				
	No Petition for Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the copending parent application.				
	Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.				
	Transfer the drawing(s) from the parent application to this application				
	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No, filed				

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		Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$770.00/385.00		
Total Claims		18-20 =	0x	\$18.00/ \$9.00	\$ 0.00		
Indep	endent Claims	2-3=	0x	\$86.00/ \$43.00	\$ 0.00		
□м	ultiple Depende	nt Claims	If marked, add fee of \$290.00 (\$145.00)		\$ 0.00		
				TOTAL:	770.00		
	Small entity status is or has been claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 (f) paid herewith \$ A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the application filing fees is						
	attached. Charge fee to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> , Order No A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.						
X	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.16, including all extension of time fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for maintaining copendency with the parent application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5393 A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.						
Respectfully submitted, MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P. Dated: April 22, 2004 By: Stephen J. Manetta							
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I hereby certify that the following attached paper(s) and/or fee

- 1. Utility application and fee transmittal specification 47, abstract 1p; claims 4p; 17 sheets of formal drawings; executed declaration/oath and check in the amount of \$770.00
- 2. Recordation of Assignment and Assignment
- 3. Information Disclosure w/ 3 references
- 4. PTO 1449 Form
- 5. Data Entry Sheet
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